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Shutdown of animal helpline after authorities fail to renew contract has activists up in arms

LOST CALLS OF THE WILD

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> Delay in operating the helpline means trouble and disadvantage for injured or ill animals
> —Arun Prasad, animal activist

The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences (AHVS) department was in the news for not utilising 275 animal ambulances that were lying unused six months ago.

Now, the AHVS is in the news for not taking measures to renew the contract for operating the helpline for animals.

Animal activists are up in arms against the AHVS authorities for shutting down the animal helpline (8277100200) as they failed to renew the contract that was ended on October 31.

The animal activists expressed shock and disappointment over the negligence of AHVS towards maintaining the animal helpline.

"There is no help from the AHVS or

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Hope blooms in urban sprawl

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01 Interesting goodies

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Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: until December 17; 11 am to 7 pm

02 Lights in detail

Don't miss the chance to attend a unique exhibit, Deepotsav: Tales of Light, where you can explore more than 200 rare lamps. These lamps are sourced from different parts of India and Sri Lanka. The exhibition also features exquisite Tanjore and Pichwai paintings, highlighting the traditional essence of regional Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan. **Where: The Purple Turtles, Indiranagar; When: until December 10**

03 Football love

Don't miss the chance to attend a live, unscripted conversation with football icon Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as he visits India soon. He is expected to enthral Manchester United fans with his exclusive insights, untold stories, and anecdotes. This is your opportunity to share your passion with the legend himself. **Where: ITC Gardenia, Ashok Nagar; When: Friday, December 15; 5 pm to 10 pm**

Nature's comeback: Hope blooms in Malleswaram

Residents' environment group comes forward to plant over hundreds of sampige saplings, and digitise and QR-code them in their neighbourhood

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Thanks to efforts taken by a residents' environment group, it seems that Malleswaram is set to regain its green cover even in the face of urbanisation. This was after volunteers and members of Kadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga decided to plant hundreds of sampige saplings and get them digitised and QR-coded.

"We are trying to revive Malleswaram's tag of Walker's Paradise. This is after we realised that many roads in the area full of trees they were named after were losing them due to road development work. Nearly a decade ago, over 400 sampige saplings were planted by us on Sampige Road, which had grown into trees. However, when we took the stalks of the trees a few months ago, we realised only 157 were left," said BK Shivaram, president of Kadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga, a residents' group in Malleshwaram.

Over the last few months, hundreds of sampige saplings have yet again been planted by the residents' group between the 8th and 18th Cross of Malleswaram. The group recently joined hands with Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK) for technical support in tracking these saplings. "Our idea is to ensure the streets have the trees that they are named after. As many as 154 trees were QR-coded with the help of experts from GKVK. Once you scan the code, every detail regarding the tree, including its common name and scientific name, will be at your disposal. We are trying to get all trees around Kadu Malleshwara temple, Sampige Road, and the surrounding area QR-coded soon. We want to enable students and the younger generation to connect with nature and know about the biodiversity of their area," added Shivaram.

Sampige saplings on Sampige Road are to be QR-coded soon; this will enable citizens to connect with nature

That is not all! The group is also looking at digitising hundreds of saplings planted over the last few years. To achieve this, Kadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga is collaborating with Project Vruksha, a city-based NGO.

"We will be digitising over 300 sampige saplings that were planted by volunteers of Kadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga over the last three to four years.

> **"Once you scan the code, every detail regarding the tree, including its common name and scientific name, will be at your disposal**
> – BK Shivaram

Digitisation will not only help the volunteers manage the saplings better but will also give them an idea about the various difficulties that saplings face in an urban setup. Digitisation will help local volunteers monitor the growth and record details. Avenue trees are under a lot of pressure due to vehicular movement, garbage dumping, and high pollution due to emissions," said Vijay Nishant, founder of Project Vruksha.

Digitisation will help them track all these issues so they can come up with better strategies to ensure higher survival and growth rates for saplings, he added.

Clouds on demand

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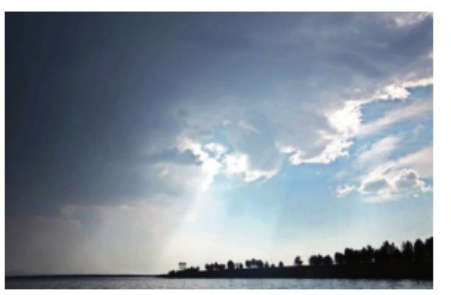
The year is coming to an end, and so are the rainy days, but the state government is still hoping that cloud seeding can do wonders. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday affirmed the government's openness to considering cloud seeding and mentioned that a decision would be made after consultations with the finance department. Responding to a query from Congress MLA Prakash Koliwad during Zero Hour, Shivakumar stated, "Cloud seeding is employed in many states. It was also experimented with in our state in the past. I am told that cloud seeding efforts in the constituency of our legislator, Prakash, have yielded good results. Our government is also ready to take up cloud seeding at the same cost incurred by other states. Procedural aspects such as tender need to be factored in for cloud seeding efforts; otherwise, the opposition parties will accuse us of favouring Congress MLAs." The cost of cloud seeding is said to be around Rs 50 lakh to Rs 1 crore. "I will discuss it with the finance department and make a decision. I am positively disposed to the idea," he added.

The last cloud seeding project in Karnataka occurred from July 25, 2019 to October 6, 2019. It involved the operation of three C-band Doppler radars and the deployment of two aircraft for aerial cloud seeding operations. Hygroscopic and glaciogenic flares were used to spray seeding materials into the clouds. According to the official report of the 2019 cloud seeding project, a midterm evaluation was submitted to the government on September 3, October 1, and November 2, 2019. "Around 83 flights were utilised for the purpose, with 1,340 flares employed for seeding (hygroscopic 522, glaciogenic Burn-in-Place 522, glaciogenic Ejectable 455). Seeding was conducted in 28 out of 30 districts in the state. A rainfall data analysis indicated that in all cases, rainfall occurred after seeding and persisted for an average of four hours following seeding. This clearly indicates the success of seeding in triggering and accelerating rainfall. The mean enhancement in rainfall was 2.95 mm, with additional water estimated at 7.4 TMC," it said. Clouds can be thought of as engines that convert atmospheric water vapour into precipitation, although they operate with low efficiency.



An official said, "Cloud seeding is a method to enhance the efficiency of clouds in converting atmospheric or cloud vapour into precipitation. Sometimes, the natural rainfall process in clouds is hindered by various atmospheric conditions. In such cases, cloud seeding accelerates the rainfall process by introducing specific particles in the clouds, which are viewed as 'seeds' for rainfall acceleration."

Trigger warning: Woman groped at metro station

Second such incident raises demand to increase number of coaches for women

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An incident of sexual harassment inside a metro premises has come to light, leading to concern over the safety of women who commute using metro services.

The incident took place on Thursday at 9:40 am during rush hour. The woman, a 22-year-old private firm employee, who routinely travels from Rajajinagar metro station on the Green Line for work at MG Road on the Purple Line, began to scream after she felt a man grope her from behind after alighting the train at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Majestic station to change trains.

When fellow passengers started noticing, the accused tried to flee by getting on the escalator. Alert Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) security staff caught the accused and handed him over to Upparpet police. After counselling from metro staff, the victim decided to file a non-cognisable report (NCR) at the Upparpet police station.

As of now there are two coaches reserved that for women on the metro

The accused has been identified as Lokesh Achar. The police who have looked into the matter found that the accused was out on bail after being caught red-handed while stealing a phone from a woman on a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus in April this year. The police have also retrieved two metro cards, over 20 mobile phones and a two-wheeler.

A similar incident of groping inside a metro train had come to light on November 20 around 8:50 am.

Increase no. of coaches

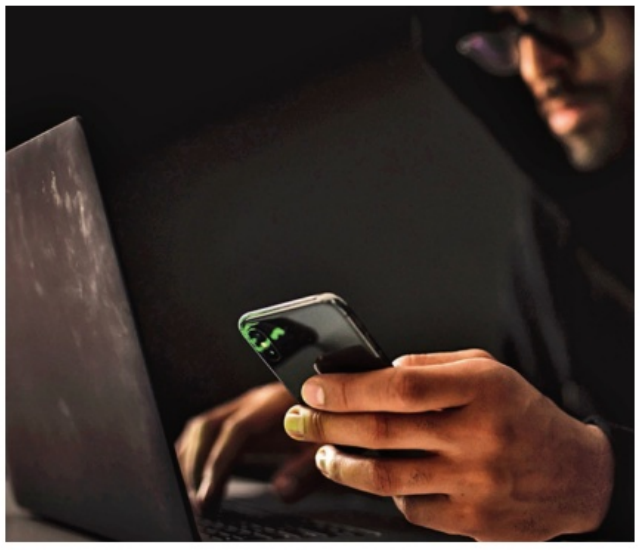
Women have called on the BMRCL to increase the number of coaches designated for women from two to three. Since the entire Purple Line began operating on October 9, the BMRCL has been recording high ridership, resulting in crowding. Women have also called on metro officials to constitute an authority that victims of sexual harassment can approach to seek redress. "It is important that the issue of sexual harassment, especially in a setting of crowding, is looked at with sensitivity. Under the guise of crowding, the victim can be blamed and the accused can evade taking any responsibility," a frequent commuter said.

BMRCL staff have noted that after the November 20 incident, vigil and surveillance across metro stations have been increased to ensure that sexual harassment is curbed. "BMRCL is always ready to help our commuters in any emergency. Our security is always vigilant and willing for any help in case of emergency. Commuters can inform or contact our Control Centre on phone no 080 2519 1208, 080 2216 2258/2208 and toll free help line 1800-425-12345. In addition, Passenger Emergency Alarm (PEA) systems, four in number, in each coach are available in all the metro trains. By operating PEA, the passengers can interact with the Train Operator so as to arrange immediate assistance at the approaching or the next station," BMRCL said in a statement.

> **"It is important that the issue of sexual harassment, especially in a setting of crowding, is looked at with sensitivity**
>
> –A metro commuter

Cyber criminals strike under Army garb, again

Man wanted to buy pre-owned bike, ends up losing over ₹1 lakh to conmen, who made him transfer money online



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Cyber fraudsters have once again misused the name of the Indian Army, to cheat yet another gullible person. This time a private firm employee residing at Harlur near Whitefield, was conned of Rs 1,96,002 when he tried to buy a pre-owned bike online.

According to the first information report (FIR) registered by Bellandur Police, Rajasekhar (name changed) wanted to buy a pre-owned bike. He came across an advertisement at 5.30 pm on July 26 on a website about a pre-owned bike for sale. The advertisement claimed the bike is for sale for Rs 32,000. The victim contacted the buyer on the number given. The buyer introduced himself as Lakshay Khanna working in the Army. The accused also sent his Aadhaar card to the victim's WhatsApp number, so the victim trusted him. He sent his Aadhaar card to him. Later, Lakshay gave the number of one Manjeet Singh and promised the victim that the bike would be handed over to him on July 28.

> **Fraudsters send victim an Aadhaar card to win his trust, ask him to send money in chunks for GST, transport cost, and other reasons**

According to the complaint, the accused asked the victim to send Rs 1,000 towards transport charge to bring the bike from Devanahalli to Hennur. He also asked the victim to send Rs 7,200 towards GST. Again the accused asked the victim to send Rs 7,000, Rs 200, and Rs 15,000. Lakshay gave his QR code and the victim sent the money from his bank using a UPI app. The accused made the victim send Rs 18,000, Rs 1, Rs 32,000, Rs 1, Rs 1, Rs 17999, Rs 32,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 4,000, Rs 5000, Rs 32,000, Rs 13,000 online. The total amount the victim lost is Rs 1,96,002. The victim approached Bellandur Police requesting them to nab Lakshay and Manjeet and take action against them as per the law.

Bellandur Police have registered the FIR on July 31 under Sections 66(C) fraudulently or dishonestly make use of the electronic signature, password or any other unique identification feature of any other person), 66(D) (By means of any communication device or computer resource cheats by personation) of Information Technology Act 2000, and the Section 420 ((Cheating and thereby dishonestly inducing the person deceived to deliver any property which is capable of being converted into a valuable security) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860.

According to the victim, the police are yet to nab the accused persons.

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Currently, the Kanakapura Road is being widened to four-lane stretch and beyond Kanakapura it will be a well-paved two-lane road extending up to the Karnataka border, linking Sathyamangalam and Coimbatore. Bypasses are also in the pipeline at strategic locations such as Kaggalipura, Udyapura, Harohalli, Kanakapura, and Sathanur.

Traveling to Kanakapura Road is anticipated to become more convenient as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to enhance the infrastructure. A BBMP official said that there were plans for a 1.2-km long flyover at the Outer Ring Road-Kanakapura Road junction near Sarakki. The primary aim of this flyover is to facilitate smooth traffic flow on the Outer Ring Road, reducing congestion and wait times significantly on the Kanakapura Road side. Notably, the flyover will also integrate with a Metro line, with the Metro piers standing at a height of 13.5 mt and the proposed flyover at a height of 5.5 mt from the ground level. According to BBMP sources, the four-laned flyover will initiate from the Ilyas Nagar junction and will have a width of 17 mt.

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Bengaluru, emerging as a key player, contributed significantly to the overall dynamics with a notable transaction volume of 3.27 million sq ft during this period. Hyderabad and NCR followed suit with transactions covering 2.71 million sq ft and 2.68 million sq ft, respectively, underlining their substantial roles in the warehousing sector. Chennai, Ahmedabad, and Kolkata also made considerable contributions, with transaction volumes of 2.48 million sq ft, 2.12 million sq ft, and 1.84 million sq ft, respectively. The overall distribution of transaction activity showcases a well-balanced engagement across these prominent markets.

The report further states that the nationwide warehouse leasing transactions touched a substantial 23 million sq ft in H1 FY 2024, with 53% of these transactions taking place in Grade A spaces. The distribution of transaction activity was well spread across various markets, with Pune leading at 4.26 million sq ft, followed by Mumbai at 3.62 million sq ft. Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director of Knight Frank India said, "The demand in the warehousing sector, driven by the 3PL sector and robust growth in manufacturing. He highlighted the nation's fiscal strength, anticipating continued stability and growth in the warehousing market throughout the remainder of fiscal year.

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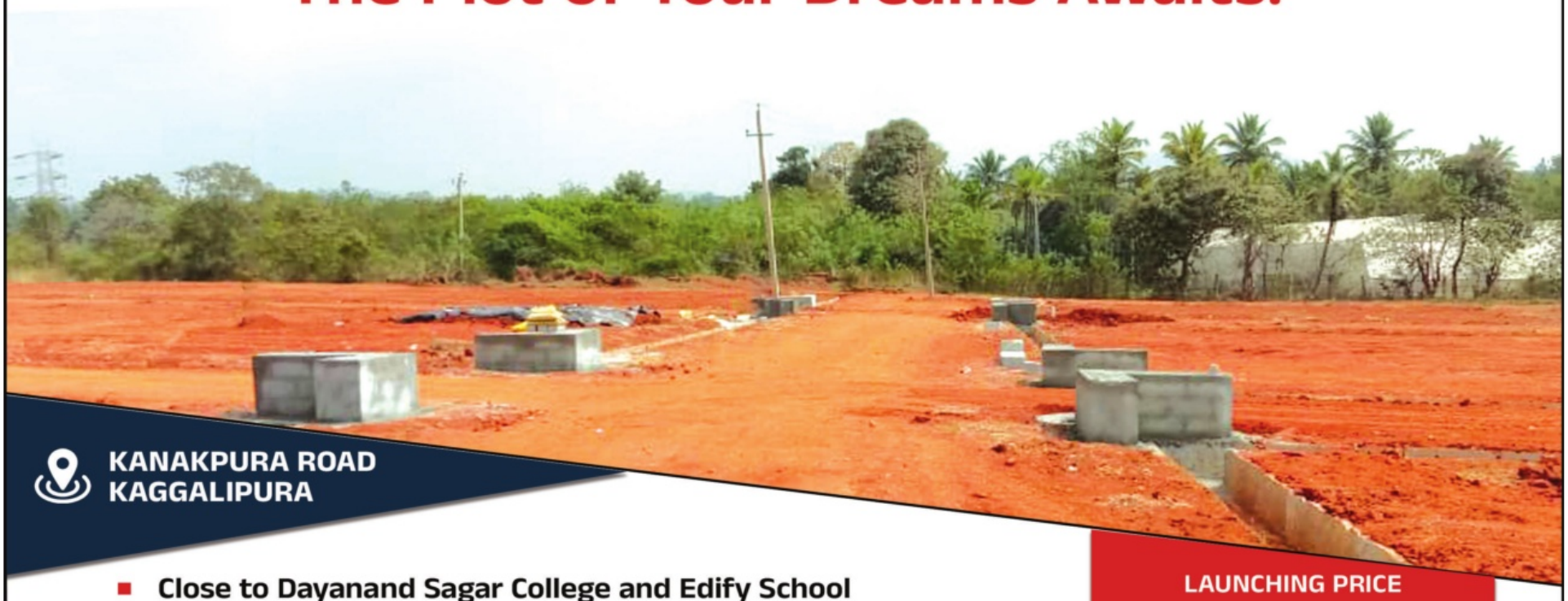

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Beyond Cop28 and AI

To expect a seminal societal course correction now — that did not occur in the timeline of the oft-violent, war-torn, slave-trading centuries past — from today's consumerism pacing towards a debaucherous/tragic end, one may think, is tomfoolery.

If ever there was a time to chart a radical humane path in earnest (not the Cop28 or AI kind) casting aside the spectre of malignant capitalism high on avarice of tech — penury of deprived millions considered — it is now.

In climate scientists calling on citizens to be activists or younger generations shunning consumerism, there is the desired direction and empathy for the vulnerable.

But, there isn't empathy, and it is not possible to save the world humanely from the climate emergency, if polluters shape-shift to be champions of that cause at opportune time.

We live in times of climate summits held in places with no known human rights record as royals come together to hobnob and pose as saviours of the world in sadistic delusions of power.

I am afraid it is anything but a farce - Cop28 - hijacked by the same power centres responsible for the precipice of extreme weather the planet is at present.

Meantime, peoples of poorer nations are shortchanged, beyond western borders. The rich exploiters, fixers and dealers in the global south are in turn aiding to fortify the western climate complex, at the cost of millions they exploit as neoliberal ruin manifesting as consumerism fill landfill after landfill with trash in cities of most populous nations.

The west is now in cahoots with fixers of big oil and mercenaries on call to be engaged as fighters in conflict zones that cover for demagogues. That the climate summit is a short flight from where a bloody conflict is raging, where innocent civilians are massacred in vengeful rage, is a paradox.

The intent behind the gathering in UAE's Dubai is highly questionable when it comfortably overlooks the humanitarian crises of so-called wars and refugees in transit.

Largely news coverage shows how concerned global leaders are about the calamitous course ahead - but fact is the Cop28 is a raw deal for big oil to help them burn out the last of their wells and perhaps transition to the AI industrial complex. Sadly, the average global citizen isn't a stakeholder.

On the other hand, it is a terrifying scenario at hand in the poorer parts of the world. Spaces to move about in search of resources/livelihood are shrinking as populations burgeon. Cities are overwhelmed in India as hapless citizens board buses and trains daily to further build megacities for a pittance.

If you prefer to put these famished lands under the global south umbrella, suit yourself — but these geographies are culturally diverse and markedly unique and quite different from each other, but yes, these are indeed lands looted and left by western colonies for the indigenous peoples to scrape through and survive.

To make sense of the world in the so-called global south of the day, most political establishments flounder except a few.

Humans (or royalty) grandstanding at summits must first acknowledge the fact that a humongous number of them are now boxed in geographies with no larger freedom of movement amid a resource crunch in a planet that's essentially theirs as anybody's, as compared to the western populations that can move with ease from country to country or continent to continent.

In fact the majority is caught in the poorest parts of the world without access to bare necessities while the last remaining resources are mandated and agreed upon for western citizens before the apocalypse dawns. Surely the west gets to decide what to do with the poor folk with zero consultations on their behalf. Ain't that unfair?

In these calamitous and economically draining times, the promise of tech is about to further complicate the lives of the deprived populations — big tech hardly understood the social, cultural or religious fabric of geographies except the west but yet have most of the peoples wired into one platform or the other.

From the time of the social platforms to the now-propped up so-called AI - apart from bestowing the benefit of communication - western social media platforms never really understood what to do with the data from these famished populations.

In the absence of regulatory mechanisms and expertise to glean the sociocultural dynamics of specific geographies, neural engines of AI shall be fed a homogenous nevertheless biased broad stroke of nations and peoples here.

Europe has always maintained a cautious approach to such excesses of big tech. But now the overwhelming clout of big tech is threatening the best of humanity's bargaining power and regulatory mechanisms.

That said, recently I read of a newspaper: physical paper and ink with no digital copy. It is intentional, no digital footprint. Now that is a radical direction, if you know what I mean.

Rainwater harvesting: BMRCL washes its hands off

Officials admit provision to harvest rainwater available only on Reach-1; not considering any system for other existing lines

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Through an RTI response, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) has clarified that provision of rainwater harvesting (RWH) to recharge groundwater is available only on the metro line between MG Road and Baiyappanahalli metro station (Reach-1). The rest of the existing lines, according to BMRCL, are under examination to see if the provision can be created as it can be a safety concern.

BMRCL officials, however, clarified that no survey of existing lines is being carried out as installing an RWH system to recharge will compromise the structural integrity of concrete columns. "No survey is being conducted and the recharge system is not being considered for existing lines. It could have been integrated with lines at design and planning stages. If incorporated now, it will damage the pillars. However, the provision can be considered for upcoming lines such as KR Puram to the airport or Silkboard junction," said a BMRCL official.

Experts say the potential of rainwater harvesting to recharge the groundwater table through metro lines is enormous. According to an RWH potential estimate of BMRCL conducted by Biome Environmental Trust, a 35-km-long and 10-metre-wide viaduct of BMRCL has the potential to harvest 9,450-kilo litre of water during a 30 mm rainfall. Similarly, the RWH potential of two spans (distance between three piers of BMRCL) is 15-kilo litre during a 30 mm rainfall.

Experts say potential to harvest rain water is huge on Metro lines

Currently, BMRCL's operational lines cover a total 73.8 km under Phase I and Phase II. Of this, 65.01 km is an elevated structure with RWH potential. Also, nearly 102 km of metro line is under construction, and 97.99 km of this is elevated.

"There might be some challenges related to geology, but the amount of water that can be harvested will be significant. Each station itself is spread over at least one acre of land. Apart from stations, the viaducts also have huge potential of harvesting rainwater, especially when the city receives 970 mm of rainfall on average," said Shubha Ramachandran, water team lead at Biome Environmental Trust.

Time to act

RWH proponents say the rainwater harvesting provision must also be provided on existing metro lines through a scientific and technical study. Environmental activists say Bengaluru's groundwater table is depleting fast and it is time agencies such as BMRCL do not wash their hands of responsibilities.

> **There might be some challenges, but the amount of water that can be harvested will be significant** –Shubha R, Biome Environmental Trust

"The groundwater recharge system created by BMRCL on Reach-1 should have been part of subsequent metro lines too. If BMRCL was planning to drop it, they should have declared so in public. The system must be constructed on existing and upcoming lines. If there is a safety issue on existing lines, this claim should be backed by a scientific report. If it is proved to be the case, BMRCL must come up with an alternative and compensate by creating a groundwater recharge system elsewhere in the area," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a environmental activist.

Animal helpline shut down

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the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for animal rescuers. We have to spend money for transport and treatment of injured animals. I demand the authorities concerned take measures to operate the animal helpline without any delay as many animals are vulnerable to road accidents in the last week of December and first week of January," said Razia Khan, an animal rescuer from Electronics City.

Bangalore Mirror published the story – Ambulances rust in peace – on June 22 narrating how animal ambulances were lying unused and how it was causing inconvenience to animal rescuers, pet parents and farmers across the state.

The authorities claimed that ambulance vehicles are in service but animal activists begged to differ on the functioning of ambulance vehicles and animal helpline.

"I demand the AHVS officials to take measures to ensure the functioning of the animal helpline without any delay. The more the delay persists in operating the helpline the more trouble and disadvantage for animals that are injured or ill. The other helpline, 1962, is not functioning after office hours. We have to wait till 10 am to contact the helpline, 1962," said Arun Prasad, an animal activist.

Expressing concern over the shutting of the animal helpline, Rashmi D'Souza, former member of Karnataka Animal Welfare Board said the authorities should initiate measures to keep both the helplines open (1962 and 8277100200) for the benefit of animals.

"The helpline number 8277100200 is popular among the animal activists and animal rescuers. The helpline 1962 functions only between 10 am and 5 pm. I want the authorities to keep both the helplines open round the clock," said D'Souza.

Wondering what made the AHVS officials oblivious to renewing the contract with the agency to operate the animal helpline, Anurag Varma, a volunteer of blood for dogs and cats, said the shutting down of the animal helpline is shocking and disappointing. "The authorities should have taken the initiative to renew the contract either in September or October," Varma noted.

Meanwhile, AHVS additional director Dr Jayanna said the contract with Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS) expired on October 31. "We sent a letter to the KEONICS for renewal of the contract but received no reply. My higher authorities have to take a decision on this issue. I hope to restore the animal helpline by the end of this month," said Jayanna.

Govt to look at possibility of extending Metro to Nelamangala

Construction activity gets a boost around areas with Metro connectivity

The infrastructure development in and around Nelamangala is set to receive a substantial boost as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hinted at exploring the feasibility of extending the Metro trains to Nelamangala. During a recent programme in Nelamangala, Siddaramaiah said, "The State government will look at the feasibility of extending the Metro till Nelamangala as there is a growing demand for extending the connectivity." It may be noted that the Metro network on the green line has been currently limited to Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). This is also the NICE Junction where Tumakuru road is connected to Hosur road via NICE road. However, as of now, the Metro trains are being operated till Nagasandra, and the physical works between Nagasandra and BIEC are in finishing stages, and the green line Metro will be extended till BIEC.

Sandeep Gopi, a realtor, said, "If we look at the Metro growth, it signals how the Metro network needs to be added where the city is growing. Initially, it was planned that the Metro network on the green line will be connected only till Yeshwanthpur as there was a need to connect the mass transport to Yeshwanthpur railway station which is the second major railway station of the City and has many terminating trains. However, as the land for the depot was available in Peenya, the Metro was subsequently extended till Peenya first phase (Station name is Peenya industrial area). However, as there has been rapid growth in the City, then the authorities extended the train till Nagasandra. Now, even IKEA has set up a shop near Nagasandra. Nagasandra is the periphery of BBMP boundary as well. But, there is no limit to Bengaluru's growth. Now, the city is growing beyond Nelamangala. Many are investing in properties between Nelamangala and Dobbspet or near Railway Gollahalli. Hence, it would be necessary for the Metro to run trains till Nelamangala. Moreover, as Nelamangala is connected by a six-lane highway along with four-lane service roads on either side, I don't think land acquisition would be a major hurdle as Metro officials need to coordinate with NHAI to acquire land and build the Metro network. If a network is extended till Nelamangala, this will definitely be a very big boost to the realty growth."

> **We have seen how the Detailed Project Report of the Metro for extending trains to Challaghatta revised property prices by 20 percent**
>
> –City-based realtor

Realtors point out numerous examples of how the Metro can boost property prices. "If we look at Mysuru Road, where the Metro has been extended to Challaghatta, we have seen how the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Metro for extending trains to Challaghatta revised property prices by 20 percent. By the time construction began, the prices had risen by 50 percent. Consequently, people are investing in properties not only for immediate residence but also as a future investment. For example, prior to the Metro extension, the property price per square foot in and around Challaghatta was Rs 600 to Rs 700. Now, it has surged to Rs 7,000 per square foot, and there are expectations of further increases in the coming years. Many are now considering building homes in this area, as they can travel to various other parts of the city in less time. Hence, plots and apartments in this area are becoming increasingly popular. Similarly, if the Metro is extended to Nelamangala, we can similarly expect the same surge in property prices," said a realtor.

–Prakash VL

How tech is changing property scene in Bengaluru

In Bengaluru's real estate market, technology has become a pivotal force, transforming traditional practices and enhancing overall efficiency. Proptech solutions, such as virtual property tours and augmented reality applications, enable prospective buyers to explore properties remotely, facilitating a more convenient and time-efficient experience. This apart, data analytics and machine learning algorithms play a crucial role in predicting market trends, helping both buyers and sellers make informed decisions.

In a panel discussion on the role of technology in real estate organised by Bangalore Realtors Association of India (BRAI), experts spoke about the role of technology in real estate.

Ashish Puravankara, Managing Director, Puravankara Limited said, "The Real Estate sector is increasingly embracing the prominence of AR and VR technologies, leveraging their capacity to offer immersive 3D property experiences. This proves exceptionally beneficial, especially for off-plan properties, as it allows prospective buyers to envision the completed structure before construction begins. have incorporated VR tours into our services, attracting significant interest from our NRI clientele. Initially implemented as a precautionary measure during the pandemic, this approach has swiftly evolved to become the industry standard."

> **Proptech solutions, such as virtual tours, augmented reality applications, enable potential buyers to explore properties remotely**

Other technologies like AI Powered Property Search, Smart Contracts and Block Chain, Data Analytics for Informed Decisions have taken power in the real estate sector.

"In Bengaluru, buyers and renters are being empowered by data analytics and an abundance of knowledge, revolutionising decision-making in the real estate market. The shift to knowledge-based solutions is reshaping the landscape for potential property buyers," said Puravankara.

Knowledge-based solutions have gone beyond empowering buyers, transforming property searches for both buyers and renters.

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AI app in play to free city roads from jams

City police plan to use application with advanced AI features to ease road congestion; app can predict in advance during which time congestion might occur on which road

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Police say that the app will have a number of features that will help in managing traffic and providing the right information at the right time

After installing artificial intelligence (AI)-based cameras, the city police plan to utilise an AI-feature-loaded app. This dedicated app is currently in the final stages of development by a Netherlands-based company. The app, tentatively named 'Astram,' is expected to play a pivotal role in alleviating congestion and enhancing overall traffic efficiency.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anuchet said, "The app development is ongoing. This app will have a number of features that will help in managing traffic and providing the right information at the right time." The Astram app is designed to tackle the intricacies of urban traffic by incorporating advanced AI capabilities. One of the key functionalities of Astram is its focus on 40 high-density corridors and 60 traffic junctions.

A senior police official explained, "The app will be fed with information about the 40 high-density corridors and 60 traffic junctions, and the AI will study the traffic flow and provide timely information. This comprehensive approach aims to address specific traffic challenges in crucial areas of the city. The app is set to analyse a substantial dataset, including six months' worth of road data encompassing congestion patterns and other relevant information. As the AI will analyse the data from six months, it can predict well in advance which time on which road there could be congestion and which days may see heavy congestion."

This predictive capability is anticipated to be a game-changer in proactively managing traffic flow. Moreover, the app is designed to offer insights into accident-prone areas, waterlogged roads during rains, and other factors influencing traffic conditions. We are also hoping to manage traffic rerouting with the help of the app during VVIP movements as well. The potential for minute and micro-level traffic analysis is seen as a crucial aspect that will empower the police with actionable data for effective traffic management.

Meanwhile, police say that the app predictions may also help emergency services. A police official added, "There have been many instances where ambulances get stuck in traffic. The Astram app may also help in alerting the cops during such situations. Ambulances from government-run hospitals will be equipped with Astram app data, and discussions are underway regarding extending this facility to private ambulances. Looking forward, there are plans to integrate popular navigation tools such as Google Maps with the Astram app."

> **"The app will be fed with information about the 40 high density corridors and 60 traffic junctions, and the AI will study the traffic flow**
> – a senior police official

Once this is done, commuters will get real-time information on traffic, and they can plan their journey better. The integration of external data sources is anticipated to provide commuters with a more comprehensive and real-time understanding of traffic conditions, aiding in efficient route planning.

Vaishanvi Shetty, a tech professional, said, "Checking Google Maps has become a routine for me before leaving home or the office. Knowing about congestion in advance enables proactive planning, allowing us to explore alternative routes. We are well aware of the city's roads experiencing heavy traffic during peak hours. If the traffic police can share crucial information, commuters will have real-time updates. This not only benefits riders but also aids the police, potentially reducing traffic on busier streets as drivers can plan alternatives when informed in advance about congestion."

Illegal flexing: Crime & no punishment

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No one has been convicted in the cases registered between Sep 1 and Dec 4

If the pending trial of people responsible for putting up banners and hoardings is any indication, it seems the legal cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is yet to perform to the satisfaction of authorities and justify the amount they receive for representing the BBMP in court.

For example, the BBMP registered cases against 120 people for putting up banners and hoardings in the city in the year 2020. Trial has been pending in 28 cases for the last three years, and only 76 people have been convicted in the cases registered under the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act. Surprisingly, the BBMP authorities failed to gather information about six people responsible for putting up banners and finally filed a C-Report. Registering criminal complaints gained momentum this year until December 4, with the number of cases at 509. Among the 509 cases, 354 are under investigation, 164 people have been convicted, and 142 cases are pending.

No one is convicted in the cases registered between September 1 and December 4. The BBMP authorities filed 23 criminal complaints, and among them, 13 are under investigation, and a trail is pending in 10 cases. According to a document submitted by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime), the police have registered eight FIRs. Sadashivanagar police registered three FIRs against Congress for putting up banners on the occasion of the state-level meet and centenary celebrations function of Congress Seva Dal on November 20.

Vidhana Soudha Police registered two FIRs against Congress for putting up banners on Fair Field Layout Road, Race Course Road, Basaveshwara Junction, Devaraj Urs Road, and Dr Ambedkar Veedhi to convey birthday greetings to MLA Vinay Kulkarni. Vyalikaval Police registered a FIR against the BJP for putting up banners to convey birthday greetings to MLA BY Vijayendra on November 16. Jayanagar Police registered a FIR against the BJP for putting up banners to convey birthday greetings to Tejasvi Surya, MP from Bengaluru South. The High Court hearing the writ petition on illegal banners and hoardings has adjourned the hearing of the petition to January 18, 2024.

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The intersection of Lavelle Road and Vittal Mallya Road is slated for construction under the Smart City project. These structures pose hazards to pedestrians and require urgent repairs.

City gears up for Kadalekai Parishe

Importance of buying items of religious significance is higher in auspicious last Monday of Karthika Maasa

With the last Monday of Karthika Maasa (Hindu calendar) considered to be auspicious, many are heading to temples and buying pooja related items. Added to this, many Bengalureans are also looking forward to Basavangudi Kadalekayi parishe which happens on the last Monday of Karthika Maasa.

Siddarth Kumar, a resident of Basavanagudi, said, "Every year, I eagerly wait for Kadalekai parishe as it is not just a fair but also a religious significance for me. This is the time when we visit the Bull temple and offer prayers. As there are many shops around, we also buy many traditional items that are available only during the fair. In fact, it is not just the parishe but many of us visit a lot of temples during the Mondays in Kartika Maasa as it is considered to be very holy.

Another trader said that rudraksha is also in demand. "When Rudraksha is mentioned, everyone becomes curious. According to ancient texts and folklore, they are believed to have originated from the joyful tears of Shiva. People have been wearing Rudraksha since time immemorial. Besides its religious significance, it also holds scientific importance. Numerous research studies and projects are unraveling the mysterious power and effects of Rudraksha. With the advancement of modern science, scientists are exploring evidence that supports the ancient beliefs regarding the significance of Rudraksha."

Meanwhile, the main street of Basavanagudi is gearing up for Kadalekai parishe with shops already being set up. Historians say that the central event involves paying homage to the Big Bull (Nandi) by offering the first harvest of groundnuts to ensure abundant crops in the upcoming spring.

"The historical accounts intertwine closely with the Bull Temple, with a version suggesting that local groundnut farmers faced continuous theft and destruction of their crops during dark nights. Frustrated, the farmers organised nightly vigils to catch the culprits. One night, they mistook a bull for a thief and, in an attempt to apprehend it, the bull died, turning into stone. Realising it was the bull responsible for raiding their crops on full moon nights and considering its significance as Lord Shiva's mount, they built a shrine to atone for the killing. This stone bull mysteriously keeps growing taller than any boundary raised during the temple construction. In a dream, the farmer who struck down the bull was instructed by Lord Shiva to place a trident on the bull's forehead. The community was told to offer their first groundnut harvest to the shrine annually. After this was done, the bull stopped growing, and the tradition of the first offering persists. Another version suggests that the rituals originated from villagers' beliefs, seeking help to overcome the distress caused by a bull damaging their crops at night. After fervent prayers, the bull did not return, and instead, an idol of the bull appeared, gradually growing in size. —BMB

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FOOD FOR LIFE

A common kingfisher looking around for some food at Doddanekundi Lake

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Travelling this way? Better proceed with caution

Commuters point to degrading condition of ORR, say service road to Yogesh Nagar is riddled with potholes

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The Outer Ring Road (ORR), a major road used by lots of people daily, is turning from bad to worse. In fact, the entire stretch of ORR service road from Hebbal flyover to Yogesh Nagar, Kempapapura, is unmotorable and turns into a pool during heavy rainfall, thereby risking motorists' lives.

Prajna Jain, a regular commuter, said, "Outer Ring Road, touted as a major thoroughfare for numerous commuters each day, is grappling with a steady decline in its quality. Despite certain sections undergoing improvements, particularly with the application of whitetopping, the overall state of the ORR, especially the service roads, remains disconcerting. The ride can be quite jarring due to uneven road conditions, leaving one to ponder why the authorities aren't resurfacing and maintaining the ORR more consistently."

> **"For motorists, navigating this pothole-ridden road can prove to be a rattling experience** – Shiva Kumar, a cab driver

Adding to this, the ongoing metro work between Nagawara Junction and Hebbal has increased traffic congestion, forcing many to divert to the service road for a quicker commute.

"Unfortunately, the service road, riddled with substantial potholes, transforms the journey into a veritable obstacle course. For motorists, navigating these potholes can create a shaking and discomforting experience, while bikers face an increased risk of accidents. Given the road's high traffic volume, the potential for accidents and even fatalities looms large," said Shiva Kumar, a cab driver.

The ORR functions as a peripheral route for the city, providing an alternative for those looking to evade Bengaluru's notorious traffic jams. If such a crucial road is in bad shape, it reflects poorly on the city's overall infrastructure as well.

ORR touted as a major thoroughfare for commuters, is grappling with a steady decline in its quality

DID YOU KNOW?

Nisha Millet is a well-known swimmer from Bengaluru. She is also a recipient of several awards, including the Arjuna Award, the Rajyotsava Award, the Karnataka State Ekalavya Award, and more. She also represented India at numerous international swimming competitions, such as the Asian Games in Thailand in 1998, the Sydney Olympics in 2000, and more. She went to Sophia High School in Bengaluru. When she was still a junior, she beat all the top swimmers in the nation.

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How has Bengaluru's cultural diversity influenced your daily life?

Suhani Goel, BM Reader
The young crowd has influenced some of my fashion sense and thoughts on freedom. It makes me feel lively and good. I like to try new outfits and like to style myself with different accessories.

Ananya, BM Reader
I have made so many friends from different cities in Bengaluru, so it is very amusing to learn about different cultures and foods. It's amazing to know people from states where I havn't been. Interaction with them is key.

Avantika, BM Reader
I don't think I am influenced, but I am always in awe of how many different cultures reside in this very city. When it comes to culture, languages, ethnicity, people live happily here.

Kanishk, BM Reader
I have never met so many people from different cultures, and sometimes it really surprises me how all of us live together. After all, Bengaluru has people from various countries and Indian states.

Mohan, BM Reader
The number of cafés here in Bengaluru is insane; now I am into cafe hopping. I get to try new food, drinks, beverages, and it's all decently priced. Anybody coming here, can easily try so many cafes.

Vedant, BM Reader
I think I have had much culinary exploration ever since I started to live here. There's all kind of food, you just name them.

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No vroom for much more in Bengaluru

Over 8% rise in private vehicle ownership compared to last year; inefficient public transport to blame

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Bengaluru has recorded an over-8% jump in ownership of cars and two-wheelers this year compared to last year. Between January and November this year, a little over 5.43 lakh new cars and two-wheelers were registered in the city. Last year, in the same period, around 5.02 lakh private vehicles were registered.

Currently, a total of 99.86 lakh cars and two-wheelers are plying on the city's roads. Out of these, a little over 23.38 lakh vehicles are cars, and nearly 76.5 lakh vehicles are two-wheelers.

The increase in private vehicle ownership is largely due to inefficient and unreliable public transport systems, say mobility experts.

"Owning private vehicles is a necessity in Bengaluru due to the lack of an efficient and well-networked public transport system. Even if you have a metro network, a lack of last-mile connectivity will compel you to have a private vehicle. To add to that, using a two-wheeler to commute turns out to be economically more viable than using public transport options," said a city-based mobility expert.

However, they underline that the pace of public transport infrastructure projects, whether metro or suburban rail, is still moving at a snail's pace. To add to that, the density of rail usage on existing railway lines is abysmal due to outdated technology.

"It has been more than three years since the suburban rail project was sanctioned with the deadline of October 2026. However, the project has hardly moved in the last three years. The current network of rail lines is severely underutilised too.

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Although a simple tweak in the existing system with automatic signalling technology would do the trick of improving the frequency of trains across all the existing rail lines, there is a lack of imagination and willingness at the policy level," said Sandeep Anirudhan, a city-based public transport proponent.

Mobility experts say this trend needs to be reversed immediately to improve the quality of life in the city. Instead of upgrading and expanding road infrastructure, a reliable and affordable public transport system should be the priority. To achieve that, a decentralised and devolved city government is the need of the hour.

Whither MPC?

Experts yet again highlight the failure of the government to constitute the Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC) under the Constitutional 74th Amendment (Nagarpalika) Act in 1992, which is supposed to brainstorm solutions for Bengaluru's traffic problems. They say MPC, as per the 74th Amendment, is supposed to come up with a master plan for the city with a mobility plan as its subset.

"The lower the availability of mass transit options, the greater the number of private vehicles, and the more traffic congestion. However, authorities have refused to learn and adopt 'planning' or build institutional capacity for planning by bringing in the Metropolitan Planning Committee, despite it being the law as per the 74th Amendment. MPC, if it was created, would have brought urban and mobility planners into the picture, leading to sustainable growth in the city," added Anirudhan.

Environmental researchers say a high number of vehicles also has a cascading effect. While the government responds to it with the expansion of road infrastructure, such measures lead to a loss of green cover, thus compromising the carbon sequestration potential of the city. They add that transport is the biggest contributor to particulate matter (PM) 2.5 concentration, which is considered the most lethal air pollutant. Moreover, the high vehicular density in Bengaluru has led to a drop in the average speed of vehicles at most of the junctions in the city, causing higher emissions.

"A high number of vehicles also implies higher emissions of particulate matter, especially PM2.5, which is carcinogenic," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Patil's plea to club multiple FIRs rejected

The Karnataka High Court has rejected the petition of the prime accused in the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Recruitment scam, Rudragouda Devendrappa Patil, seeking to club the various FIRs registered against him across the state.

The single judge bench of Justice K Natarajan on Thursday dismissed the petition by Patil.

The petitioner had sought the merger of the 11 FIRs and the charge sheets filed in some proceedings in connection with the PSI recruitment scam.

The court had granted a stay on the proceedings on April 17, 2023. With the petition being dismissed, this stay stands vacated.

Five cases were registered against Patil-- one in Ashok Nagar police station in Kalaburagi, two FIRs in Station Bazar police station, one in Chowk police station, one in Dharwad Sub-Urban station, and one each in Tumakur's Kyatasandra station and Bengaluru's Ramamurthy Nagar police stations.

–PTI

CBI helps get rape accused back from UAE

A rape accused wanted by the Karnataka Police and against whom a Interpol Red Notice has been issued was brought back from the UAE through the coordinated efforts of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), officials said.

A CBI spokesperson here said that Midhun was wanted by Karnataka Police in case of Mahadevapura Police Station, for the offences of rape, criminal intimidation and other crimes.

"The Global Operations Centre of CBI has coordinated with INTERPOL NCB – Abu Dhabi; Karnataka Police; Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi, Ministry of External Affairs and the Red Notice subject was returned from UAE to India with a team from Karnataka Police." According to the official, he was earlier geolocated in UAE through follow up by CBI. **–IANS**

Shakthi scheme effect: KSRTC to add 350 buses to its fleet

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Owing to the success of the Shakthi scheme, KSRTC is planning to increase the number of Sarige buses to meet the demand.

KSRTC plans to induct 350 new BS VI buses to meet the rising demand. Officials say that due to the scheme, buses are all packed and they need to increase the number of buses in the fleet.

As only Sarige buses are eligible for the Shakthi scheme, the buses will be added to the Sarige fleet. Most of the buses will be deployed on inter-city routes.

Only Sarige buses are eligible for the Shakthi scheme

"We haven't procured any buses in the last two-three years. Most of the buses have crossed 12.5 lakh km and need to be replaced. Older buses also lead to increased maintenance costs. We are planning to deploy these buses to meet the rising demand for Sarige buses from around Bengaluru," said a senior KSRTC official.

KSRTC is running 8,234 and nearly 1,000 high-end segment buses within them. Most of these buses are running taluk to taluk, and district to district. Less than 10 per cent of the bus services run outside the state.

While KSRTC has observed a dearth in the number of buses across districts, the buses will be deployed based on the fleet demands of each depot. "We will distribute the buses to divisions based on need. KSRTC has 15 divisions across 17-18 districts and 83 depots," he added.

According to official data, 58,44,19,433 passengers travelled by KSRTC, out of which, 33,04,29,401 were women passengers from June 11 to December 7. As of now, the KSRTC has spent Rs 987,07,52,401 under the Shakthi scheme.

Additionally, KSRTC will also be hiring drivers on a contract basis. The transport corporation has floated a tender for engaging an agency to provide drivers on a contract basis. The drivers are being hired for the Chamrajnagara, Mangaluru, Puttur and Ramanagara divisions. KSRTC will be hiring 750 drivers in this method-- 125 for Chamrajanagara, 250 for Mangaluru, 250 for Puttur, and 125 for Ramanagara. KSRTC has determined the consolidated amount that the agency will have to provide per month. Around Rs 1,000 per day excluding GST would have to be paid by the agency without fail. In case, the agency fails to meet the demand, the wages will be deducted from service charges payable to the agency in addition to triggering the penalty clause. The contract will be signed for 11 months during which the agency will have to provide drivers all days except week off (1 day off in a week).

Veteran actress Leelavathi passes away

Leelavathi, well-known Kannada actress with a remarkable career spanning over 600 movies, passed away on Friday at the age of 85. The veteran actress had been battling illness and confined to her bed for a while before her demise at a hospital in Nelamangala.

Her cinematic journey began with the movie Nagakannike, marking the inception of a prolific career that left an indelible mark on the Kannada film industry. Leelavathi's legacy extends beyond the silver screen; she was recognised for her philanthropic endeavours. Notably, she played a pivotal role in the establishment of a primary health center in Nelamangala taluk and was on the brink of realising a dream with the setup of a veterinary clinic. In the twilight of her life, Leelavathi found solace and purpose in the embrace of agriculture, residing on a farmhouse with her son Vinod Raj, who is also a notable actor. Her dedication to social causes and contributions to various fields make her a revered figure, leaving behind a rich legacy that transcends her cinematic achievements.

Mourning Leelavathi's death, Siddaramaiah said the news of her passing is 'painful'.

Former Prime Minister H Deve Gowda, former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa and HD Kumaraswamy too condoled the demise of Leelavathi.

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HEALTH TIP: Owing to its nutritional makeup, fish oil can promote hair growth, prevent hair greying, improve the hair growth cycle

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SKIN DEEP

Here are 10 tips for those with oily skin type

Anyone with oily skin would relate to the true meaning of the phrase "the grass is greener on the other side" at a very young age. Because, as compared with normal and dry skin types, oily skin is so troublesome to deal with.

Here we provide you with a skin care routine for oily skin to keep your oily skin in check with the perfect oily skin care tips that you can easily adopt.

1 Consume adequate Amounts Of Vitamin C and E Daily

Eating right is the cornerstone to maintaining healthy skin. While it is quite difficult to avoid fried foods and other indulgent dishes, you can still create a balance by simply including vitamin-rich foods in your diet as well. Vitamin C is commonly found in most fruits and vegetables, so it is easy to incorporate; it provides a high dose of antioxidants to your skin, which is essential in keeping acne at bay, and it also boosts collagen production.

Vitamin E is found in various nuts and seeds and also in leafy vegetables; it helps keep your skin's moisture levels in check and protects the skin from sun damage.

Tip: Consume an orange, kiwi, grapefruit slice or a bowl of strawberries every day along with a handful of assorted dry fruits like walnuts, pistachios, cashews and almonds.

2 Drink Lots Of Water

Well, if you don't hydrate, you might never achieve truly healthy skin. Drinking lots of water will hydrate your body from the inside out. Once you are hydrated, the oil glands in your skin receive a signal from the brain that no excess oil is required to moisten or hydrate the body, and that's how your skin will be balanced and fresh as there will not be excessive sebum production.

Tip: To make drinking water seem more enticing, cut up a citrus fruit or a cucumber, and put it in your water bottle. Drink at least 2 litres of water a day.

3 Wash Your Face Twice A Day

When you wake up and when you go back to sleep, make sure you wash your face. Twice will do, and a mild face wash is recommended. You could opt for a creamy cleanser in the morning and a soothing gel cleanser for the night.

Tip: Splash cold water on your face before you pat dry with a towel to tighten your pores.

4 Do Not Be Harsh With Your Skin

Be it washing your face, exfoliating or applying moisturiser or makeup, do not use too much force. Excessive friction can cause your skin to break out and worsen any inflammation you already have.

Tip: Patting and applying gentle pressure in small circular motions should be your approach when using skincare or makeup.

5 Face Masks Are Ideal

You already understand that you need extra care when you have oily skin, and a part of that is enjoying skincare face masks. For this skin type, clay and mud masks are must-haves as they absorb excess oil and impurities. Charcoal masks are always a great bet and can fix any skin problem related to oily skin. And, gel masks or sheet masks are soothing and essential for your skin too.

Tip: Use a clay or mud mask before a shower. Indulge in a gel or sheet mask post your shower. Use a charcoal peel-off mask after you exfoliate your skin with a scrub.

6 Carefully Pick Makeup Products

Base makeup has always been an issue for oily skin, because excessive sebum production is back in play, and wearing makeup too long that mixes with the sebum also leads to acne breakouts and a super shiny face that transfers foundation to any surface it touches. Choose matte formulas for foundations or concealers.

Makeup infused with skincare is your only shot at wearing makeup comfortably, so take it.

Tip: Dot and blend tinted skincare-infused base makeup on only the areas that need coverage like the under-eye areas, mouth contours, chin and dark spots.

7 Keep Your Beauty Routine Minimalistic

Cutting down on skincare and makeup with smart beauty choices is exactly what you should focus on. Avoid layering on serums at one go, stick to one good serum for the day and another retinol-infused serum or gel for the night. Avoid strobe creams after makeup primer; a dewy foundation should suffice.

Opt for a toner that can also be used as a face mist after applying makeup; rose water is ideal for this. Choose a mattifying (zinc oxide) sunscreen that is tinted, so you can follow a simple CTM routine with SPF without having to worry about discolouration and oiliness.

Tip: A face mist to hydrate your skin at any point of the day and a spray-on sunscreen to rebuild sun protection are ideal for oily skin beauties.

8 Avoid Acne With Trusted Natural Skin Care Hacks

If ever you lose the battle with oily skin on some days, resort to natural home remedies for oily skin for true healing. When breakouts occur, try mixing half a teaspoon of baking soda with a pea-sized amount of face wash and cleanse your skin. Mixing two drops of tea tree oil with your daily moisturiser will help keep your skin feeling clean and will kill any bacteria that could worsen the breakout. Icing the acne lesion will also help shrink its size.

Tip: Applying turmeric on the pimple will help heal it quickly.

9 Misting Your Face Keeps Excess Oil At Bay

If you don't drink enough water or if you put yourself through rigorous workouts that increase your body temperature, your skin needs a signal to understand that your body doesn't need more oil production to be healthy. That's where a face mist will come in handy.

Spritzing a cooling water mist that could be infused with any soothing ingredients like aloe vera, rose water, essential oils or cucumbers will instantly cool down your face and hydrate your skin lightly. The oil glands will then not produce excess oil because you have already taken care of it.

Tip: Make a mist of 90ml rose water with 10 drops of tea tree oil and five drops of lavender oil.

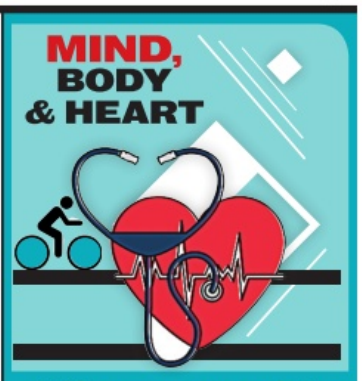
10 Keep Your Pores In Check

Always take a close look at your pores. For oily skin, there are always exceptions to the rule of exfoliation. True, it is widely recommended that face scrubs should be used only once a week, but, when you have oily skin, blackheads, whiteheads, acne and accumulation of dirt are more frequent because the pores tend to be larger.

So, feel free to double cleanse with a scrub whenever you see blackheads and follow up with a peel-off mask. If your pores are clear but are looking large, ice your face with a cold compress.

Tip: If you have just recovered from a breakout, your pores will be large, inflamed and sensitive. A hyaluronic acid-infused sheet mask will help deliver the right kind of hydration and close those troubled dents on your skin.

—by Eden Noronha, Femina



All you need to know about...

Flaxseed benefits

Cuts breast cancer risk

Consuming flaxseed can help manipulate the gut bacteria to lower the risk of breast cancer, researchers have demonstrated in a new study.

microRNAs

In the study, published in the journal Microbiology Spectrum, flaxseed components called lignans were shown to influence the relationship between gut microorganisms and the expression of mammary gland microRNAs (miRNAs). A subset of these miRNAs regulates the genes involved in breast cancer, including genes that control cell proliferation and migration.

Diet is key

"The gastrointestinal microbiota plays an important role in modifying many components of our diet to impact human health," said Jennifer Auchtung, Assistant Professor in the Food Science and Technology Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Role of microbiata

"In this study, we found correlations between diets enriched in flaxseed, cecal microbiota composition and miRNA profiles in the mammary gland that regulate pathways, including those involved in cancer development. This study supports further research into the role that the microbiota plays in dietary approaches to reduce risk factors associated with disease," she added.

Lignans

Lignans, fibre-associated compounds found in many foods and plentiful in flaxseed, are associated with reduced breast cancer mortality in post-menopausal women.

The researchers found lignan components generate miRNA responses in the mammary gland.

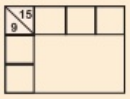
miRNAs are short, noncoding RNAs that regulate gene expression by targeting the 3' untranslated region of target mRNAs. **—IANS**

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

You have a clock that gains exactly 12 minutes every hour. You set it accurately when you started it at 12:00 a.m. this morning. The clock is now showing 10:00 p.m. but it stopped running 4 hours ago. What time is it now?

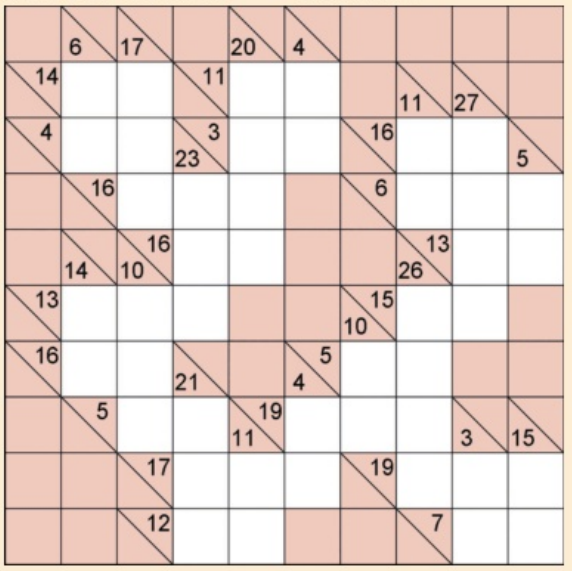
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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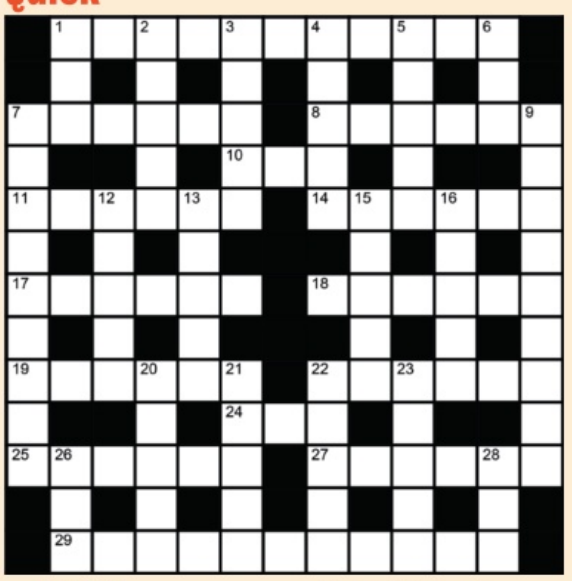


ACROSS

1 Oblong, not square (11)
7 Make a summoning sign (6)
8 Startles (6)
10 Gratuity (3)
11 Runs out (6)
14 Rough and husky (6)
17 Ravenous (6)
18 Posture or attitude (6)
19 Eyeshades (6)
22 Assigns or distributes (6)
24 Unit of energy (3)
25 Rookie (6)
27 Get or procure (6)
29 Absolutely and utterly simple? (2,4,2,3)

DOWN

1 Type of grass (3)
2 Pastries (5)
3 Female relatives (5)
4 A visual display of information (5)
5 South American camel (5)
6 Border (3)
7 Amusement park and recreation centre in Cubbon Park (3,6)
9 Author of Treasure Island (9)
12 Sudden pains (5)
13 Boo Boo! (5)
15 In base 8 (5)
16 Mr Starr of The Beatles (5)
20 ____ branch: symbolic peace offering? (5)
21 Percolates (5)
22 A market place in ancient Greece (5)
23 Ease, become less intense (3,2)
26 Concubine's room (3)
28 Solid water (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS G

KJG CEIFGLV NPVK YG GSPRM-KGS, KJG KJPNY EV YWLI QIWAEIF.

Linemaro

You are warmer than a blanket

Mindchow

The more you try to get it your way, the less you feel at home

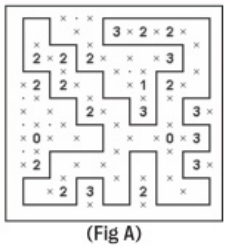
Joke of the day

If university taught me one thing, then it was a waste of money

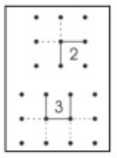
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

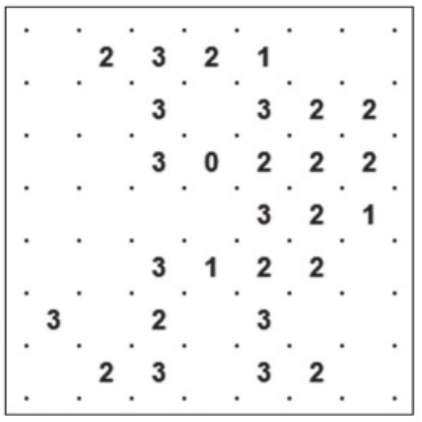


(Fig B) Not Allowed

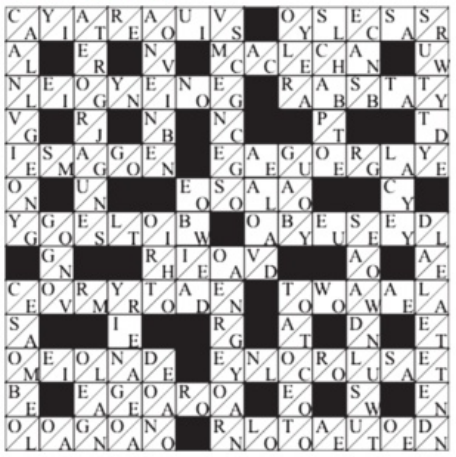
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



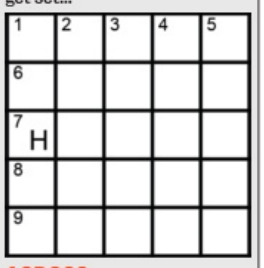
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

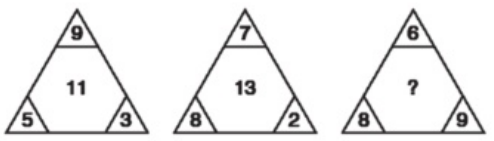
1 Heaps; 6 Helot; 7 Lohan; 8 Less I; 9 As EEC

DOWN

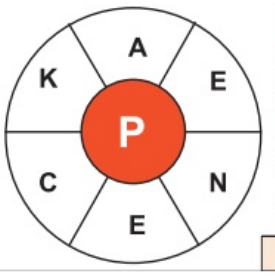
1 Hi tec; 2 Heaps; 3 Hallo; 4 A sloe; 5 Essen

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		5			4	9	2	
			7		8		3	
	9							1
9	3		8			2		
7			4		6			3
		2			3		4	7
5							1	
	1		2		7			
	2	3	1			7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

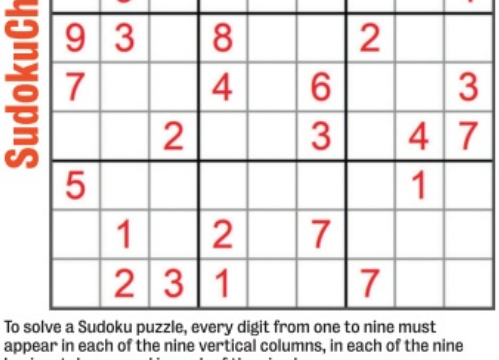
Easy = 19
3 4 5 7

Medium = 16
4 4 6 8

Hard = 14
2 7 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



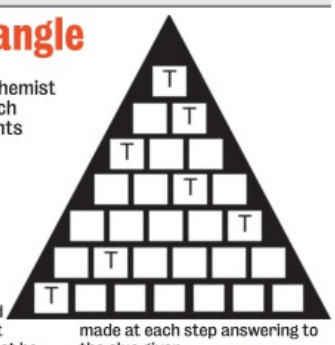
Differences: 1. Window is different. 2. Stone is missing from wall. 3. Socks are added. 4. Roof is longer. 5. Boy is standing straighter. 6. Fence is added.

Riddler

Crack the code to find three types of religious building: FDWKHGUDO, PRVTXH, WHPSOH. Code is sequential i.e. if you think A = G then it will follow that B = H, C = I, and so on

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Colour at the beach
4 Formicary residents
5 Holy person
6 Stress
7 Sully



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME YOU WEAR THAT VEST YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW MADE FOR YOU
9-7
WHY DID YOU WEAR IT AGAIN ?
JUST CALL ME SENTIMENTAL

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

MY NAME IS CHARLOTTE, AND THIS WEEKEND PHILLY MIDDLE IS HAVING A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW LUNCH ROOM!
AND PARENTS LIKE MINE ARE PLAYING!
GET YOUR TICKETS AND GO TEAM RED!
ISN'T THAT HEART'S SCHOOL??
DAD
HEY! KNOCK EM DEAD AT YOUR VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY!
DAD, I DON'T PLAY VOLLEYBAL!

Crankshaft

AS LONG AS I'M GOING TO BE CHASING CRANKSHAFT'S BUS AGAIN...
I MIGHT AS WELL DIG OUT MY OLD GEAR.
NOW WHERE ARE MY FUZZY SLIPPERS WITH THE TRACK CLEATS?
tombatiuk.com/books

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. A new partnership may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from the negative people around you.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, the negative moon will make you upset. Sleeplessness will give you anxiety, which will affect your daily routine. It is advised to avoid risky adventure tours and rash driving. You will spend on worthless stuff, which might create negative energy around you. Too much spending will affect your savings.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon; your small investments may convert into big profits. Your working efficiency may have increased now. You are likely to achieve success with less effort. You may hear good news in legal matters as well. You may have full control over your opponents and rivals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless, but you are advised to keep your patience. If you are planning an adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have back aches, nervous system issues, lever-related issues, and skin issues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel better, and situations may be under control. Your network may help you on the work front. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony and love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artefacts or creative stuff for your family. You may also plan to watch movies or go on an outing with friends or family.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness; you may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit a religious place. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your creativity may be high, and you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office, which may increase your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It creates harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may be settled. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you will be glad; you will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditures, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. Plan to visit elders or religious places.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are likely to meet some old friends or be busy with social get-togethers. You may be more excited today. New innovations may be there in terms of business. Also, it is likely to have some unexpected material gains. Kids may have good news in terms of studying. Love birds may enjoy their quality moments.

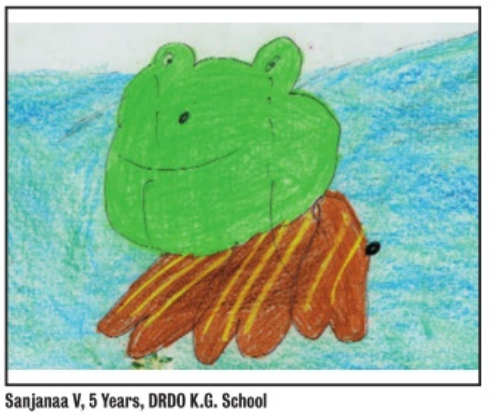
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today until late afternoon, you may feel dullness in your nature, which may reflect in your way of working. But with the help of the elder's blessings, you are likely to come back to your speed. You are likely to pay extra attention to your kid's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors must be careful when making difficult decisions. Stomach issues may make you upset.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be happy at work. You are likely to make some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you in the near future. You may plan for a short trip as well. Your subordinates are likely to be cooperative. You may expect some good news in terms of a sibling's success. You are likely to be in winning positions in legal matters as well. Students may be more focused on achieving their targets.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your communication skills may help you on a professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may lay the foundation of their relationship.

KIDZONE

Gokul K M, 14 Years, Indiranagar Cambridge School



Sanjanaa V, 5 Years, DRDO K.G. School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
The clock is running at 1.2 times actual time 22 hours (clock) ÷ 1.2 = 18.333... 6:20 p.m. actual time
6:20 p.m. plus 4 hours = 10:20 time now

RIDDLER
Cathedral, mosque, temple (A becomes X, B becomes Y, etc.)

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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QUOTE UNCODE
The fingers must be educated, the thumb is born knowing.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
5: (6 + 8) – 9

BULL'S EYE
cape, keep, KNEECAP, nape, pace, pack, pecan, peck, peek, pence

SUDOKU

3	7	5	6	1	4	9	2	8
2	4	1	7	9	8	5	3	6
8	9	6	5	3	2	4	7	1
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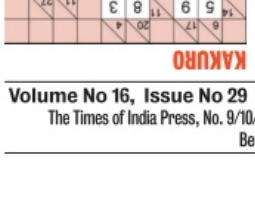
5	8	7	3	4	9	6	1	2
6	1	9	2	8	7	3	5	4
4	2	3	1	6	5	7	8	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, At, Tan, Ants, Saint, Strain, Tarnish.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 5 + 7 + 4 = 19
Medium
8 / 4 x 6 + 4 = 16
Hard
5 – 2 x 7 – 7 = 14

LOOP

KAKURO



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 # Farewell Jr Mehmood

Johnny Lever, Aditya Pancholi, Raza Murad, others attended the funeral of Jr Mehmood, child star of the 70s, who died of cancer

Father-daughter bond

Nani, who is known as Natural Star, has always been encouraging newcomers to direct his movies. And the way Shouryuv has handled some of the emotional scenes in the movie, proves that Nani's selection of the director for this movie is apt. The director has ensured some twists that add value to the script.

HI NANNA

3.5 RATING ★★★½☆

- **DIRECTOR** Shouryuv
- **ACTORS** Nani, Mrunal Thakur, Baby Kaira Khannaa, Jairam, Angadi Bedi, Shruthi Haasan, and Nassar
- **Duration** 158 minutes
- **Certification** U

The movie opens with Viraj (Nani), a professional photographer, coming to a school to pick up his six-year-old affectionate daughter Mahi (Baby Kaira Kahanna). Mahi looks disappointed. Viraj asks her the reason. Mahi says that one of her classmates has scored more marks than her. Viraj, a single parent, usually tells stories to Mahi. She asks him to narrate the story about her mother. He tells her that he would narrate the story of her mother if she scores more marks than her classmate. She scores higher marks and insists her father to honour his commitment but in vain. She leaves home along with a pet dog and is all set to meet with a road accident but Yashna (Mrunal Thakur) saves Mahi. What happens to Mahi, who is suffering from cystic fibrosis or the 65 roses disorder, is what Hi Nanna is all about.

The movie's good story has a scope for drama and sentiments. Nani is at his best. His acting skills can melt the audiences' hearts. Mrunal Thakur too has contributed a lot to this movie with her sterling performance. Baby Kaira Khanna walks away with all honours. Her gestures and dialogues are superb. Some scenes in the climax are very impressive. Jayaram, Shruthi Haasan and Nassar provide good support.

Music and cinematography are good. The only drawback of the movie is its slow narration.

It is worth a watch for the whole family.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Followers galore

Triptii Dimri's small but impactful role in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's ' ' has been receiving praises from all quarters. Following the same, her followers on Instagram have increased by over 2 million in the past four weeks.

Over the last four weeks, Triptti Dimri has experienced a remarkable 320 percent increase in her Instagram follower count. With a gain of 2 million followers, her current follower base on the platform has surged to 2.7 million.

Comparatively, just a month ago, her followers were around 600,000. Triptii's intimate scene with Ranbir Kapoor in 'Animal' has been the talk of the town ever since the film's release.

—ETimes

Just a couple's story

Athi I Love You is unique in the fact that it has just a minimum number of actors. It has only two characters. The movie highlights the day to day life of a couple, who keep on bickering. The director deserves appreciation as he plays the lead too in the film.

The story is about Vasanth (Lokendra Surya) and Athira (Saathvika) who got married four years ago but have no understanding and much-needed coordination. Vasanth, an employee at a private company, wants Athira to wake up early in the morning and make breakfast for him. It has become a routine for Vasanth to yell at her and she wakes up from bed only after he leaves for the workplace.

As if that were not enough, Savitha, one of Athira's friends, has made it her business to find out what is happening between Athira and Vasanth. Another person in the tale is Saravasthi from Mysuru, Athira's mother, who is always ready to argue with Vasanth and support Athira instead of advising them to lead a happy family life. Finally, Athira decides to go to her maternal home. What happens to Vasanth and how he succeeds in convincing Athira is what Athi I Love You is all about.

ATHI I LOVE YOU

2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Lokendra Surya
- **ACTORS** Lokendra Surya and Saathvika
- **Duration** 101 minutes
- **Certification** U

It may be difficult for audiences to deal with the paucity of characters in the film. The location is a house. The movie has no comedy, songs or action scenes. All the dialogues, except for a few voiceover dialogues, are between Lokendra and Saathvika. The consolation is the movie's duration.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Lokendra and Saathvika have both done equally well. Saathvika as a virago and also as an affectionate wife has acted well.

If you want to learn more about disharmony in marital lives, this is a film for you.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

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